

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 227

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Benjamin Logan McGowan for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is attorney Benjamin Logan McGowan of Chattanooga, who is the 2022-2023 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (TACDL); and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers was formed and chartered in 1973, making it the oldest legal defense bar association in the State; TACDL provides education, training, and support to criminal defense lawyers and advocates for fair and effective criminal justice in the courts and wherever justice demands; and

WHEREAS, since devoting himself to criminal defense practice more than two decades ago, Mr. McGowan has established a sterling record of professional success in the criminal courts of New York, North Carolina, and Massachusetts; his recent selection to serve TACDL as its president is an honor most befitting his commitment to and leadership in his profession; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York City, Benjamin McGowan is a graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee and practices law under the guidance of legendary attorney Jerry H. Summers at Summers, Rufolo & Rodgers in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGowan has also found a professional home among the 1,000-member strong Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, where he provides

exemplary service as a director and is honored to lead TACDL's devoted lawyers as its current president; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin McGowan's work in the state and federal courts has earned him a reputation as a zealous, creative, and fearless advocate, and he believes, unreservedly, that within the practice of criminal defense exists a sacred privilege to help both the individual and to defend—in a very real and concrete way—all of us by standing strongly for the constitutional rights of Tennessee citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGowan has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity as an attorney and civic leader, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Benjamin Logan McGowan for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee as the 2022-2023 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.